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## U-BOATS SINK 3 U.S. VESSELS

### RAIL STRIKE CALLED OFF 22 AMERICAN LIVES WIPED OUT IN TRIPLE DISASTER, IS BELIEF

#### RAILROADS AND MEN REACH AGREEMENT; WALKOUT AVERTED

Threatened Tie-up of Nation's Resources Is Blocked by All-night Conference Between Men and U. S. Officials.

#### ANSWER WHITE HOUSE APPEAL

President Wilson's Message Citing War Danger and Peril of Country Responsible for Peace Treaty.

New York, March 19.—The railway strike has been called off. Franklin K. Lane, head of the President's commission on mediation, after conferences lasting all day, with the railroad heads and the railroad brotherhood chiefs, made this announcement at 2:30 o'clock this morning:

"The reason for the joint action of the railroad managers and the brotherhood chiefs was the existence of the present international crisis. The action was taken in response to President Wilson's appeal to their patriotism."

#### AMPLIFIES STATEMENT.

Mr. Lane said further: "Regardless of the decision of the Supreme Court on the Adamson law, the basic eight-hour law will go into effect. The details are being worked upon now by a joint committee which will have its negotiations concluded by noon."

"This settlement was considered as a sweeping victory for the unions. They get the basic eight-hour day, their chief contention, regardless of the decision of the Supreme Court on the constitutionality of the Adamson law."

#### TEXT OF LETTER.

In a letter to the President's mediation committee the National Conference Committee wrote as follows: "Hon. Franklin Lane, Hon. W. B. Wilson, Hon. L. Daniel Willard, and Hon. Samuel Gompers, Committee of the Council of National Defense:

"Gentlemen: In the national crisis precipitated by the events of which we learned this afternoon, the National Conference Committee of the railroads joins with you in a conviction that neither at home nor abroad should there be fear or hope that the efficient operation of the railroads of the country will be hampered or impaired. Therefore, you are authorized to assure the nation that there will be no strike."

#### WILSON CLOSELY WATCHES CONFERENCE DEVELOPMENTS

Watching close the progress of the mediation negotiations in New York between the government representatives, the railroad heads, and the chiefs of the railroads brotherhoods, President Wilson was last night confident that a general strike throughout the country would ultimately be averted. The White House confidence in the outcome of the efforts of the government's mediators was based largely on full and complete accounts of yesterday's conferences, transmitted by Secretary of the Interior, Lane, who heads the mediation commission. The reports were not made public, but it was stated that they were of an encouraging nature.

Secretary of War Baker, who is chairman of the Council of National Defense, named the mediators, was at his desk throughout the day, scanning the reports from New York. He kept in close touch with the President, and transmitted to the White House all information as to the day's developments.



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#### RUSSIA SWEARS WAR TO DEATH AGAINST KAISER

New Government Formally Notifies Allies of Blood Vow Against Germany.

#### TROOPS SWEAR FEALTY

Portraits of Czar, Family and Ancestors Disappear from Government Office Walls.

(By the International News Service.) Petrograd, March 18.—Paul Milyukoff, minister of foreign affairs in the new revolutionary government, sent messages today to Russian representatives in all capitals of the entente allies informing them that the new Russia was united for a continuance of the war against the central powers.

All the armies in the field have been informed of the abdication of Emperor Nicholas. The troops received the news with enthusiasm. It was announced here tonight. The committee of twelve stated that they had received messages from practically every commander declaring allegiance to the new government.

Portraits of members of Czar Nicholas' family and their ancestors disappeared today from nearly all government offices. Foreign Minister Milyukoff received the ambassadors and ministers of the entente governments today. There was a long session of the new cabinet.

The entire Baltic fleet has joined the revolutionary movement. Its chief commander pledged the fleet's loyalty to the provisional government.

#### BERLIN HEARS DETAILS OF RUSSIAN UPRISING

Berlin (via Sayville), March 18.—The veil of mystery that shrouds the fateful events in Petrograd during the first days of this week begins to be lifted.

The first refugees from the revolution have arrived in the Scandinavian countries. Their reports are obviously confused and fragmentary, but they indicate how these isolated outbursts of popular frenzy and mad fighting in different quarters were going on simultaneously and were only parts of one great movement, finally converging into a revolution overthrowing the former order of things.

Until Sunday of last week there were only hunger riots in Petrograd. They were without purpose and connection.

On March 10 toward evening, the Duma members took the movement in their hands. Several of them assembled in the parliament building and conferred with the Duma president, M. Rodzianko.

The rumor ran like wildfire through the city, and within a half hour the house was besieged by thousands anxiously awaiting developments. They saw the

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#### MAY OUST NORRIS TO SHOW LOYALTY

#### Nebraskan Asks Recall Vote on "Traitor" Charge.

Senator George W. Norris, Progressive-Republican, of Nebraska, and one of the "little group of wilful men" who fought the enactment of the armed ship bill, will seek vindication of his course at the polls. He has tendered Gov. Keith Neville, of Nebraska, the suggestion that the legislature of Nebraska be asked to call a special election at which the question of his recall may be submitted to the voters of the State.

In a letter to the governor, Senator Norris explained that he had been charged with treason to his country, and with misrepresentation of his constituency.

The publication of these charges, throughout the United States, said the Senator, have convinced him that he should seek justification or condemnation at the hands of the people who elected him. He adheres to the opinion that his course was justified by reason of his own interpretation of the armed ship bill as a virtual surrender of the war-making power, guaranteed and specifically reserved to Congress under the Constitution, from the legislative to the executive branch of the government. Said Senator Norris:

"I have no desire to represent the people of Nebraska, either in the United States Senate or elsewhere, if my official conduct is contrary to their wishes, and if I am misrepresenting them, the remedy is my recall. I am still opposed to making a Czar or a Kaiser, out of the President."

Senator Norris told Gov. Neville that he was willing to waive his personal prerogative under the Constitution, and while his Senatorship was secure from recall under the organic law of the United States he would, in the event the special election condemned him, tender his resignation forthwith. He asked that the election be held not later than May 1.

#### HUNDREDS OF WORKERS KILLED IN EXPLOSION

#### BULLETIN.

Lopeshagen, March 18.—Several hundred workmen and women were killed when a munition plant in Cologne blew up last Thursday, according to information reaching here today.

#### HIGHLIGHTS OF TRAGEDIES THAT MAY BE OVERT ACT

The American liner, City of Memphis, New York to Havre, Savannah Line, was sunk by gunfire from submarine yesterday.

The American steamship Vigilancia, 4,115 tons, formerly of the Ward Line, was sunk without warning.

The Illinois, a tank ship of the Texas Company, London to Port Arthur, Tex., was sunk, but crew was saved.

No definite word has been received regarding the loss of American lives, but 22 are missing. The first reports from Consul Frost at Queenstown, and from Consul General Skinner at London are fragmentary.

Administration officials view the three tragedies with the greatest anxiety, and some predict that war with Germany cannot now be averted.

#### BRITISH FORCES OCCUPY PERONNE

Haig's Troops, Victory-Mad, Drive Teutons from Sixty Villages.

(By the International News Service.) London, March 18.—Nesle, Peronne and Chaulnes were occupied by British troops today. British troops also have taken more than sixty villages. The Germans have been driven back over a front forty-five miles long and in some places, to a depth of ten miles.

Peronne was considered one of the key positions of the German lines. Railroads and main highways centered there. Gen. Haig's troops are still pushing on. Tremendous enthusiasm marks the fighting of the British troops.

#### BERLIN STATEMENT ADMITS GREAT BRITISH OFFENSIVE

Berlin (via wireless to Sayville), March 18.—Between La Basse Canal and the Scarpe River there was lively fighting. Near Loos, German reconnoitering detachments brought eighteen prisoners from the British lines.

On both sides of Arras hostile reconnoitering detachments, in strength of one battalion, advanced against our positions and were for the most part repulsed by our fire. Near Rocquincourt and Tilloy enemy forces which had entered our positions were defeated in a hand-to-hand fight and left a number of prisoners in our hands.

Between Arras and the Oise the British and French, in a strip of land systematically abandoned by us, occupied our former positions and several towns, among which are Bapaume, Peronne, Roye and Novion. Our protecting troops inflicted considerable losses on the enemy and then gave way as had been ordered.

On the right bank of the Meuse two French companies made an attack at dawn on the town of Tonnin, captured it on March 16, north of Champrates Farm. The attack failed. On Combres Height, and near Maisey, north of Mhiel, storming detachments entered the French positions and returned each with twenty prisoners.

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#### DANIELS DISMISSES LIEUTENANT FOR DRINKING, DESPITE RECORD.

While the Navy Department has been making a canvass of young officers sufficiently skilled in gunnery to protect American armed liners, the most expert young officer in the service, Lieut. Thomas M. Tipton, has been dismissed from the service by Secretary Daniels on a charge of intoxication.

The case has caused a stir in naval circles because every officer on the court which tried the young officer pleaded for clemency, and Rear Admiral Leigh C. Palmer, chief of the Bureau of Navigation, added an earnest appeal of his own to save him.

Rear Admiral Palmer pointed out that the young officer, who comes from New Mexico, had twelve years' excellent service behind him, that this was his first offense and that, he not only was the best gunnery officer in service but had established a world's record by not missing a single shot with his turret at long range and under conditions almost as difficult as shooting at a target in a rough sea.

Secretary Daniels, who has strong views on the liquor question, after receiving Admiral Palmer's recommendation, replied that "no punishment other than dismissal" could adequately rebuke the young officer for his having yielded to intoxicating liquors. Lieut. Tipton, therefore, has been dismissed.

Lieut. Edward C. Lange, of Wisconsin, was tried by court-martial for over-indulgence in intoxicants and was also dismissed.

It is learned that four more officers had been dismissed from the navy for various offenses not made public—Lieut. Anson G. Merrick, Lieut. Daniel S. McQuarrie, Passed Assistant Surgeon Charles P. Lynch and Assistant Paymaster John A. Harman.

#### KILLED IN TAXI SMASH

Hagerstown, Md., March 18.—Mrs. Berne Bowers, of Hagerstown, was run down and instantly killed at 4 o'clock this afternoon in Hagerstown by a taxicab. Her 4-year-old son, who was riding with his mother, escaped injury.

The Greek chauffeur, who, it is alleged, was inexperienced, probably will be held responsible for the death of the victim, Daniel J. Brady, of this city.

#### BOMB VICTIM IDENTIFIED.

Boston, March 18.—The mystery of the bomb explosion in the Suffolk County Court House, in which two lives were lost, were deepened by the positive identification of the second victim as Daniel J. Brady, of this city.

#### CLASH WITH GERMANY MAY RESULT FROM ACT OF RUTHLESS WARFARE

Gravest Complication Faced by Washington Since Diplomatic Break with Berlin Government.

#### ONE CREW GIVEN NO WARNING

Meager Dispatches From United States Officials Abroad Only Hint at Full Scope of the Tragedy.

(By International News Service.) London, March 18.—Three American steamships have been sunk by German submarines. Twenty-two of their men, most of them American citizens, are at latest reports missing.

The vessels destroyed were the City of Memphis, Illinois and Vigilancia. The crew of the Illinois has been landed without loss of life. The missing are from the crews of the other two vessels.

#### MEMPHIS SUNK SATURDAY.

The disaster to the Memphis occurred late on Saturday afternoon. She had left Cardiff, Wales, on Friday as ballast for New York. The Stars and Stripes were painted on both her sides.

It was 5 o'clock the next afternoon when the submarine was encountered. Having halted in response to gunfire, the captain of the City of Memphis was ordered by the German commander to get all hands off the vessel within fifteen minutes.

ORDER QUICKLY OBEYED.

The order was obeyed. All the ship's company crowded into five boats. Then the submarine fired a torpedo at the abandoned steamship. It struck her on the starboard side. The sea poured into an immense hole smashed by the explosion. Captain and crew watched the City of Memphis as she settled rapidly, then suddenly dive off of sight.

Meanwhile, the submarine, which was of the latest and largest German type, remained on the surface, its commander and crew watching the sequel of their destructive work. As the weather looked threatening, the American captain requested that the boats be towed toward land. The commander of the submarine curtly refused this request.

The submarine left them to their own devices and they set out in the gathering darkness for the Irish coast. The boats became separated during the night.

#### THREE BOATS PICKED UP.

Three of them, containing thirty-three men, almost all Americans, were picked up at 4 o'clock this morning by a British patrol boat, which landed them. Other patrol boats were immediately sent in search of the two missing boats and they were afterward landed.

The freighter Vigilancia was torpedoed without warning by a submarine which did not appear upon the surface. Fourteen of her company are missing. One is the fourth engineer, the others are seamen.

The German crisis has been made still more acute by the ruthless destruction of three American liners—the City of Memphis, the Illinois, and the Vigilancia—by a submarine in the war zone yesterday.

It is probable that scores of American lives have been blotted out in these three tragedies, and it is possible that the American government may be driven to convert "armed neutrality" into a state of war with Germany.

The destruction of the liners is the gravest news that has reached Washington since the break with Germany. All three ships, apparently, were sunk without warning, and the lives of Americans were sacrificed without any attempt at providing for their safety. They were left to the mercy of the seas in small boats.

All But Eight Saved.

All but eight of the crew of the Memphis were reported saved by British patrol boats, but the meager reports gave no account of the men of the Vigilancia and the Illinois.

Urgent instructions were sent to American consular agents late last night to rush to Washington immediately full accounts of the three disasters.

The day's destruction added to the gravity and concern which the administration has felt as to the submarine situation, but there was some doubt last night as to whether the President would alter his carefully considered plans for resting the whole case of the United States on combating the U-boat menace by armed merchant ships.

#### No Announcement Made.

While the President, Secretary of State Lansing and Counselor Polk reviewed in detail the meager reports from Consul Frost at Queenstown and Consul General Skinner at London, no announcement was forthcoming from either the White House or the State Department. Both declared that nothing could be said until

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#### IOWA SENATOR BETTER.

New York, March 18.—Albert B. Cummins, United States Senator from Iowa, today was reported improved at the Roosevelt Hospital. It was said he would leave that institution tomorrow.

The Senator collapsed at the Republican Club, Saturday while defending his action in "participating in the filibuster relative to arming American ships."

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